

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure section starting at page 31, line 2 and ending at page 31, line 12 to read, as follows.

--An image forming apparatus includes a first image bearing member for bearing a toner image; a second image bearing member for bearing the toner image; a transfer member opposed to the [[said]] first image bearing member with the [[said]] second image bearing member therebetween, wherein a voltage is applied to the [[said]] transfer member to transfer the toner image from the [[said]] first image bearing member onto [[on]] the second image bearing member, and wherein a resistance R_t of the [[said]] transfer member and a resistance R_b of the [[said]] second image bearing member satisfy $R_t/R_b \geq 1.0$.--